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\_\_\_\_ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f) and the amounts shown in parentheses below have been employed in calculating the fee:

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The following are enclosed:

- ☒ Specification (21 pages) & Abstract  
☒ 3 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
☒ 4 Claims (including 1 Independent claim)  
☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and ☐ references;

- ☒ This filing fee has been calculated on the basis of the claims as amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:

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Number of Claims in excess of 20 at \$18.00 (\$ 9.00) each:.....	00.00
Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3 at \$80.00 (\$40.00) each: .....	00.00
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- (X) Any filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16  
(X) Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16  
(X) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

- ☒ Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☐ New ☐ signed ☐ unsigned  
☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))

☐ Information Sheet

Deletion of Inventors

☐ Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

☐ Power of attorney and/or correspondence address was changed during prosecution of the prior application. The new power of attorney is to ☐ . The new correspondence address is indicated above.

☐ Incorporation by Reference (for continuation or divisional application)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
(Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

X Cancel in this application original claims 1-3 of the application before calculating the filing fee.  
(At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

X New formal drawings are enclosed.

     Certified copy of basic Japanese application.

X Certified copy of each foreign priority application on which the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is based was filed in prior U.S. application serial no 09/410,871 , filed October 1, 1999 . A list of said foreign priority application(s) is (are) provided below. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>In</u>
280641	10/2/1998	Japan

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Respectfully submitted,

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